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FOLLOWING IS THE DETAILED ANALYSIS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. DEPT'S APPROVAL OF MONEY FOR PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND INVESTIGATIVE AIDS HAS MADE POSSIBLE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO OF THE THREE MAJOR EFFORTS IN THE BUCCANEER PLAN; THE INVESTIGATIONS EFFORT AND THE SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION EFFORT. PHASING IN OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT IS UNDERWAY AND OPERATIONS ARE COMMENCING AS SOON AS A CAPABILITY IS AVAILABLE AND CAN BE UTILIZED.

2. THE EXTENT, IF ANY, OF US GOVT'S INPUT TO THE THIRD EFFORT, ERADICATION, IS AS YET UNRESOLVED.

A. PARA 3 OF STATE 118319 EXPRESSED THOSE ELEMENTS OF USG PARTICIPATION CONTEMPLATED BY THE DEA PROPOSAL AND THOSE ASPECTS OF THIS INPUT REQUIRING FURTHER STUDY PRIOR TO FINAL DECISION. AT STAKE ARE THREE (3) TROOP LIFT HELICOPTERS OF THE US-IH OR SIMILAR TYPE AND ONE (1) OH-58 HELICOPTER FOR OVERALL COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE BUCCANEER OPERATION. DEA PROPOSES TO OBTAIN THESE AIRCRAFT ON BAIL FROM THE DOD FOR A 90-120 DAY PERIOD. DEA FURTHER PROPOSES TO MAN THESE AIRCRAFT WITH DEA PILOTS AT DEA EXPENSE AND TO PLACE THEM IN JAMAICA FOR GENERAL SERVICE TO SUPPORT
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LEMENT THE JDF AIR WING, WHICH HAS A CURRENT TROOP LIFT HELI-

COPTER CAPABILITY OF THREE (3) BELL 212'S. THEIR LIGHT UTILITY ROTORWING CAPABILITY IS TWO BELL 206 HELICOPTERS. JDF WOULD THEN PRESUMABLY BE ABLE TO DEDICATE THEIR THREE (3) BELL 212 AIRCRAFT TO THE ERADICATION EFFORT. DEA ASKS FOR \$250,000 FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC FUND TO COVER THE COST OF MAINTENANCE, SPARE PARTS, TRANSPORTATION AND PAINTING OF AIRCRAFT TO JDF COLORS AND BACK TO MILITARY COLORS.

B. PAST EFFORTS IN JAMAICA AND ELSEWHERE TO DESTROY MARIHUANA FIELDS AND HENCE MARIHUANA PRODUCTION HAVE PROVEN INDECISIVE AND EVENTUALLY INEFFECTIVE. NEVERTHELESS, ERADICATION GETS TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM AND IF SUCCESSFUL, OFFERS THE BEST HOPE FOR LASTING RESULTS. IN MY MEETING WITH MINISTER MATALON ON 10 JUNE, HE RECONFIRMED THE GOJ'S RESOLVE TO REMOVE JAMAICA FROM THE COMMERCIAL ILLEGAL MARIHUANA EXPORT BUSINESS. HE STRENGTHENED THIS CONFIRMATION BY STATING THAT HE HAS ORDERED SPRAY EQUIPMENT FROM US TO BE MOUNTED ON A JDF BELL 47G3B1 HELICOPTER TO PROVIDE THE BEGINNING OF A SPRAY CAPABILITY TO DESTROY THE GROWING MARIHUANA WITH HERBICIDES AND FOR LASTING CONTROL OF THE PROBLEM. (ONCE THIS PILOT AIRBORNE SPRAY PROGRAM PROVES EFFECTIVE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THE GOJ WILL DEVOTE ADDITIONAL ASSETS FOR AIRBORNE SPRAY CAPABILITY FOR A TRULY EFFECTIVE ERADICATION PROGRAM).

C. IN VIEW OF THIS RESOLVE AND IN VIEW OF THE INTRODUCTION OF HERBICIDES INTO THE ERADICATION EFFORT AND GOJ'S APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO FACE ANY POTENTIAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS ATTENDANT THERETO, IT APPEARS THAT A UNIQUE SITUATION EXISTS WHICH COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ERADICATION PROGRAM. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT US GOVT INTERESTS LIE IN SUPPORTING IN SOME MANNER ANY SUCH EFFORT HAVING THE BASIC INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS.

D. THE MISSION HAS THEREFOR CONDUCTED A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF THE BASIC ELEMENTS TO SUCCESS IN FACT EXIST AND TO APPRISE STATE OF THOSE FINDING NECESSARY TO AID IN MAKING A RAPID DECISION CONCERNING DEA'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS.

3. RESULTS OF THE MISSION STUDY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SITUATION: IT IS DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY WITH REAL ACCURACY THE MARIHUANA PRODUCTION POTENTIAL IN JAMAICA DUE TO THE ONLY RECENT JAMAICAN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT; HOWEVER, DEA ESTIMATE THAT 1,000 TONS OF MARIHUANA PER YEAR ARE SMUGGLED FROM JAMAICA TO THE US IS NOT UNREALISTIC. A RECENT JCF SURVEY IDENTIFIED

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FIFTEEN (15) PRINCIPAL MARIHUANA GROWING AREAS IN JAMAICA TOTALING 1,306 SQUARE MILES OF GROUND. ONE PRINCIPAL GROWING AREA IS A 350 SQUARE MILE AREA IN ST. ANN'S PARISH ON THE NORTH COAST. HIGHLY CONCENTRATED CULTIVATION IS APPARENT IN FIVE AREAS TOTALING SOME 46 SQUARE MILES. ON SITE SURVEY OF THE AREAS SHOWED FIELDS OF MARIHUANA VARYING FROM SMALL PATCHES TO ACRE AND LARGER SIZE PLOTS TUCKED INTO VALLEYS AND DRAWS. THE MARIHUANA IS OFTEN FERTILIZED AND CAREFULLY TENDED. THE TERRAIN IS EXTREMELY

RUGGED AND LUSH WITH STEEP RIDGES AND SADDLES TENDING TO COMPARTMENTALIZE AND ISOLATE NEIGHBORING VALLEYS AND POCKETS. TRAVEL BY FOOT IS DIFFICULT AND SLOW. TRAVEL BY VEHICLE IS IMPOSSIBLE EXCEPT ALONG A LIMITED AND POOR QUALITY ROAD NET. THE MARIHUANA FIELDS OBSERVED WERE NOT INTER-MINGLED WITH OTHER CROPS ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES THEY WERE NEAR PLOTS OF LEGITIMATE CULTIVATION. THE FARMERS HIDE UPON THE APPROACH OF HELICOPTERS. NO GUN FIRE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED BY JDF TROOPS AND HELICOPTERS. NEVERTHELESS, THE TERRAIN LENDS ITSELF TO FIRE DELIVERED FROM WELL CONCEALED POSITIONS. THE POTENTIAL EXISTS AND SOME REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED.

B. OBJECTIVE: GOJ STATED OBJECTIVE IS TO REMOVE JAMAICA FROM THE COMMERCIAL MARIHUANA BUSINESS. MINISTER MATALON REDUCES THIS GENERALIZATION TO DESTRUCTION OF CACHES OF PREPARED MARIHUANA AND DESTRUCTION OF FIELDS LARGE ENOUGH TO BE COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS. NO INTEREST IS SHOWN BY GOJ TO OBLITERATING ALL MARIHUANA FROM JAMAICA OR PREVENTING THE FARMER FROM HAVING HIS TRADITIONAL "JOINT". IN PRACTICAL TERMS ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE, IN MISSION'S ESTIMATION, AN INITIAL EFFORT TO DISCOVER AND DESTROY AT LEAST 75 PERCENT OF THE CACHES AND FIELDS IN THE 1,306 SQUARE MILE AREA IDENTIFIED. THEREAFTER, AN AGGRESSIVE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DISCOVER REMAINING FIELDS; RE-PLANTED OR RE-SEEDED FIELDS AND TO DESTROY THEM UNTIL THE GANGA FARMERS BECOME CONVINCED OF GOJ RESOLVE AND UNTIL NATURAL RE-SEEDING IS SUPRESSED.

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C. METHODS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

(1) TACTICAL PLANS TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE MUST BE BUILT

AROUND EXISTING OR CONTEMPLATED CAPABILITIES AND WITH DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE OBSTACLES FACED SUCH AS THE SIZE OF THE AREA TO BE COVERED, CONFIGURATION OF THE TERRAIN, AND THE HARDY CHARACTER OF THE MARIHUANA PLANT ITSELF. THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS ARE (A) DESTRUCTION OF CACHES OF PROCESSED MARIHUANA AND (B) DESTRUCTION OF GROWING FIELDS OF MARIHUANA. A THIRD ELEMENT - APPREHENSION OF VIOLATORS IS NOT CONSIDERED CRITICAL TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE OBJECTIVE AND GOJ HAS SIGNALED NO GREAT DESIRE TO PURSUE THAT COURSE WHICH WOULD OF NECESSITY BE AIMED AGAINST THE FARMERS. GOJ IS CONSIDERING CROP SUBSTITUTION AS A POSSIBLE OPTION IN ITS LONG RANGE REHABILITATION PLAN FOR THESE PEOPLE.

(2) DETECTION AND DESTRUCTION OF CACHES OF PROCESSED MARIHUANA CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PERSONNEL ON THE GROUND. PROCESSED MARIHUANA IS PACKED FOR STORAGE AND SHIPMENT IN LARGE GUNNY SACKS. EACH FILLED SACK WEIGHS 28-30 LBS., ALTHOUGH RECENTLY WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPACTORS, A FULL SACK MAY WEIGH UP TO 100 LBS. THE FILLED SACKS ARE STORED IN CONCEALED AREAS OUT OF THE WEATHER AWAITING SALE TO A SMUGGLER. JDF HAS BEEN SPORADICALLY SEARCHING FOR CACHES BY DROPPING TROOPS INTO THE MARIHUANA PRODUCING AREAS BY HELICOPTER. SEVERAL SMALL CACHES OF 10-40 BAGS HAVE BEEN FOUND AND WITHIN THE PAST WEEK A CACHE OF OVER 100 BAGS WAS FOUND AND DESTROYED BY BURNING. AN ACCURATE WEIGH IN WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED, HOWEVER, AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE BAGS IN THIS CACHE WERE COMPACTED SO THE CACHE REPRESENTS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 3,000 LBS AND 10,000 LBS OF PROCESSED MARIHUANA. THIS TACTIC

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IS FEASIBLE. ALTHOUGH SMALL AMOUNTS MAY BE SUCCESSFULLY HIDDEN, SIGNIFICANT CACHES WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CONCEAL FROM AN AGGRESSIVE SEARCH PROGRAM. ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT WOULD NOT ONLY REDUCE THE SALEABLE INVENTORY OF MARIHUANA ON JAMAICA, BUT SINCE IT REPRESENTS A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN TIME AND EFFORT TO THE FARMER, PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF SEEING HIS LABOR GO UP IN SMOKE MUST BE PROFOUND.

(3) GOJ DECISION TO EMPLOY SELECTIVE HERBICIDES, WHICH KILL MARIHUANA WHEN SPRAYED ON THE PLANT, HAS BROUGHT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF DESTROYING THE GROWING FIELDS WITHIN GRASP. USDA RECOMMENDED THREE HERBICIDES TO DEA WHICH ARE SELECTIVE AND WHICH DO KILL MARIHUANA. THEY ARE CURRENTLY USED COMMERCIALY FOR WEED CONTROL IN JAMAICA. GOJ STATES INTENTION TO USE AT LEAST ONE OF THEM. IN MISSION'S OPINION, IN JAMAICA, SPRAYING THE MARIHUANA FIELDS, PREFERABLY FROM HELICOPTERS, OFFERS THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION, GIVEN THE ANTAGONISTIC TERRAIN IN WHICH IT IS GROWN AND THE NATURAL HARDINESS OF THE PLANT. THE USE OF BACK PACK SPRAY EQUIPMENT IN THE HANDS OF JDF TROOPS HELILIFTED INTO FIELDS MAY BE AN APPROPRIATE COMPLIMENTARY METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION. THE "BRUTE FORCE" METHOD OF DESTROYING MARIHUANA FIELDS, I.E. PULLING THE PLANTS, STACKING AND BURNING THEM IS THE LEAST DESIREABLE OPTION. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN THE GOJ'S STATED RESOLVE, SUFFICIENT TROOPS AND MOBILITY, AN ALL OUT

OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE MARIHUANA FIELDS COULD BE PRODUCTIVE. SHOULDE THE USE OF HERBICIDES PROVE, FOR SOME REASON, UNACCEPTABLE, AN EFFECTIVE BRUTE FORCE CAMPAIGN WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED UPON LONG TERM HARRASSMENT OF THE MARIHUANA FARMERS INCLUDING THE AGGRESSIVE DESTRUCTION OF CACHES AND THE METHODICAL, ALBEIT SLOW, DESTRUCTION OF FIELDS.

D. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

(1) GOJ/DEA CONCEPT ENVISIONS THREE ERADICATION TEAMS CONSISTING OF 8-10 JDF TROOPS, ONE JCF POLICE OFFICER AND ONE DEA AGENT OBSERVER. (HELICOPTER SHUTTLE MAY BE ABLE TO EFFICIENTLY INCLUDE MORE TROOPS). TEAMS WOULD BE PROVIDED MOBILITY BY THE THREE BELL 212 HELICOPTERS CURRENTLY IN THE JDF AIRWING. TEAMS WOULD WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE SPRAY HELICOPTERS PROVIDED BY GOJ AND TROOPS WOULD POSSIBLY CARRY BACK PACK SPRAY RIGS AS WELL.

(2) MAJOR GROWING AREAS WOULD BE ASSIGNED PRIORITIES FOR ERADICATION PROBABLY COMMENCING WITH THE ST. ANNE PARISH AREA. THE AREA WOULD BE SECTORED INTO THREE ZONES OF RESPONSIBILITY
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- ONE PER EACH TEAM. IN ST. ANNE'S PARISH EACH ZONE WOULD BE APPROX. FIVE MILES WIDE AND RUNNING EAST AND WEST SOME 35 MILES IN LENGTH. COMMENCING DAILY AT DAWN WHEN THE WIND IS DOWN THE THREE HELILIFTED TEAMS AND THE SPRAY HELICOPTERS WOULD LAUNCH WITH FULL FUEL TANKS AND SPRAY CANISTERS FOR THEIR ZONES OF RESPONSIBILITY. KEEPING FAIRLY WELL ABREAST, THE TEAMS WOULD COMENCE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. IN EACH ZONE TWO OR THREE JDF TROOPS WOULD BE DROPPED INITIALLY INTO THREE-FOUR FIELDS. THEY WOULD SEARCH FOR CACHES AND SEARCH THE AREA MAKING CERTAIN THAT NO PEOPLE OR LIVESTOCK ARE IN THE MARIHUANA FIELD. CACHES WOULD BE BURNED. WHEN THE AREA IS SECURED THE SPRAY HELICOPTER WOULD BE CALLED IN BY RADIO TO SPRAY THE FIELD. THE TROOP LIFT HELICOPTER WOULD THEN RECOVER THE TROOPS AND MOVE THEM TO THE NEXT TARGETED FIELD. THIS OPERATION WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE WIND BECAME TOO STRONG FOR SAFE SPRAY OPERATIONS PROBABLY AROUND NOON. THE SPRAY HELICOPTERS WOULD MOVE BETWEEN ZONES AND SERVICE ALL THREE TEAMS. UPON COMPLETION OF DAILY HELICOPTER SPRAY OPERATIONS, ERADICATION TEAMS WOULD CONTINUE GROUND SPRAY OPERATIONS WITH BACK PACKS UNTIL THEIR FIELDS ARE SPRAYED AND THE AREA AROUND A FEW MILES PROGRAMMED FOR SPAYING THE NEXT DAY ARE SEARCHED FOR CACHES. IN THIS WAY MOST EFFICIENT USE OF THE SPRAY HELICOPTERS CAN BE

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MADE. TEAMS WOULD THEN RETURN TO BASE AND PREPARE FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. HELICOPTERS WOULD RECEIVE A THOROUGH MAINTENANCE CHECK AND BE REFUELED PREPARATORY TO LAUNCH.

(3) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR TROOPS WILL BE MINIMIZED BY THIS TYPE OPERATION SINCE THEY WOULD RETURN TO CAMP EACH DAY. FUEL FOR HELICOPTERS AND HERBICIDE RESUPPLY MUST BE CONSIDERED. UPON LAUNCH EACH MORNING HELICOPTERS WOULD HAVE ABOUT 2 AND ONE HALF HOURS OF FUEL. THEY WOULD THEREFORE REQUIRE REFUELING AT LEAST ONCE AND POSSIBLY TWICE DURING EACH OPERATING DAY. THE SPRAY HELICOPTERS WILL REQUIRE RESUPPLY OF HERBICIDE AS WELL AS FUEL. TO MINIMIZE TRAVEL TIME FOR REFUELING, DEA HAS ORDERED A 2,500 GALLON COLLAPSIBLE POLYETHYLENE TANK AND TRANSFER SYSTEM TO BE MOVED TO JAMAICA TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCE JP-4 REFUELING POINT FOR BELL 212S. GOJ WILL LEASE A COMPARTMENTED TANK TRUCK FOR THE SAME PURPOSE TO CARRY GAS FOR THE SPRAY HELICOPTER AND TO SERVE AS A MIXING AND SUPPLY TANK FOR HERBICIDE.

(4) TIME FRAME FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ERADICATION OPERATION IS FLEXIBLE. GOJ WILL COMMENCE SPRAY OPERATIONS AS SOON AS THE CAPABILITY IS AVAILABLE. SPORADIC GROUND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED UNILATERALLY BY JDF. DEA CONCEPT WOULD ENVISION FULL SCALE OPERATIONS AS DESCRIBED FOR 90-120 DAYS COMMENCING AS SOON AS SUFFICIENT TROOP LIFT IS AVAILABLE. DEA CONSIDERS THAT A SUSTAINED OPERATION CONDUCTED SEVEN DAYS A WEEK WOULD ACCELERATE ERADICATION OPERATIONS SUCH THAT IN 90-120 DAYS THE NUMBER OF COMMERCIALY CULTIVATED MARIHUANA FIELDS COULD BE REDUCED TO A LEVEL CAPABLE OF BEING CONTROLLED BY GOJ UNILATERAL RESOURCES.

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E. GOJ CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS:

(1) GOJ IS EQUIPPING ITSELF WITH A HELICOPTER SPRAY CAPA-

BILITY. THE HERBICIDES ARE READILY AVAILABLE. BACK PACKS WOULD HAVE TO BE PROCURED BY GOJ, HOWEVER, THIS COULD BE RAPIDLY ACCOMPLISHED. THE WHEREWITHAL TO CONDUCT SUCCESSFUL DESTRUCTION OF GROWING MARIHUANA FIELDS WILL SOON BE AT HAND.

(2) SUFFICIENT JDF TROOPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE GROUND ASPECTS OF THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS.

(3) SUFFICIENT JEN PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE NECESSARY TROOP LIFT FOR A SUSTAINED 90-120 DAY ERADICATION EFFORT AT THE LEVEL CONTEMPLATED. THE SEVEN HELICOPTER AND TWO FIXED WING QUALIFIED JDF PILOTS HAVE AVERAGED 95-100 FLYING HOURS PER MONTH SINCE ACCELERATED ANTI-CRIME OPERATION COMMENCED IN APRIL. THIS IS SOME 30 HOURS ABOVE THE RECOMMENDED MONTHLY FLYING PACE. THE BELL 212'S ARE NOW BEING FLOWN IN EXCESS OF THE JDF'S LIMITED CAPABILITY TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION TO HELI-LIFTING TROOPS INTO MARIHUANA GROWING AREAS WHENEVER THEY CAN, MISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE THREE AIRCRAFT INCLUDES TROOP LIFT AND RESUPPLY OF TROOPS CAMPED ON AIRSTRIPS; LIFT FOR THE READY REACTION FORCE AT UP PARK CAMP; MEDEVAC; SEA AIR RESCUE; LIFT OF JCF FOR RAIDS; AND RECENTLY, LIFT FOR DEA AND MISSION PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. IT IS FEARED THAT AS FATIGUE BUILDS IN BOTH MEN AND MACHINES, GIVEN THE DEMANDING TYPE OF FLYING JDF PILOTS MUST PERFORM, THE POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS DUE TO PILOT ERROR OR MACHINE MALFUNCTION WILL REACH A DANGEROUS LEVEL.

DEA PROPOSAL:

A. DEA IS NOW SELECTING FOUR BELL 212/UH-1/BELL 206 QUALIFIED AGENT PILOTS FOR EARLY INSERTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE JDF AIR WING AND GIVE RELIEF TO THE JDF PILOTS. THESE SHOULD ARRIVE WITHIN 10-14 DAYS.

B. DEA PROPOSAL FOR INSERTION OF THREE TROOP LIFT HELICOPTERS AND PILOTS IS PREDICATED UPON THE FORSEEN NEED TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE JDF'S FLYING PACE, AND TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT IN COUNTRY ASSETS TO SATISFY THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS MADE ON THE THREE JDF BELL 212'S SO THEY IN TURN CAN BE DEDICATED TO THE ERADICATION EFFORT. CONTEMPLATED TYPICAL UTILIZATION OF THE RESULTING SIX AIRCRAFT IS AS FOLLOWS:

3 JDF BELL 212'S - ERADICATION

1 DEA UH-IH OR BELL 212 - DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE.

1 OR 2 DEA UH-IH - READY REACTION FORCE (2 ON WEEKENDS)

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1. DEA UH-IH - LOGISTICS, TROOP LIFT, MEDEVAC, SAR DURING THE PERIODS WHEN A JDF BELL 212 IS DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SUBSTITUTE A DEA UH-IH WITH A JDF PILOT INTO THE ERADICATION EFFORT. THE COMMAND AND CONTROL HELICOPTER PROPOSED FOR INSERTION WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE 2 BELL 206'S NOW IN JDF'S INVENTORY. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE ALSO OVERWORKED. THE PROPER SUPERVISION OF THE ENTIRE BUCCANEER OPERATION INCLUDING MISSION PLANNING RECONNAISSANCE, PRISONER MOVEMENT, PLACEMENT OF SMALL SURVEILLANCE TEAMS AND

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL TO AND FROM THE NORTH COAST CP WILLHTREATLY
INCREASE THE DEMANDS ON THESE SMALLER UTILITY MACHINES.

C. MONEYS WHICH DEA REQUESTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NAR-
COTICS FUND TO SUPPORT THE FOUR HELICOPTERS IF OBTAINED ON BAIL
FROM DOD ARE ITEMIZED AS FOLLOWS:

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 90 DAYS	\$97,000
AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS	\$83,000
PAINTING TO JDF COLORS AND BAKC	
TO MILITARY COLORS	\$10,000
TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM	
JAMAICA	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$250,000

D. APPROXIMATE COSTS DEA IS PREPARED TO ABSORB TO SUPPORT
THE ERADICATION EFFORT AND THE COMMAND AND CONTROL HELICOPTER
FOR 90 DAYS AS FOLLOWS:

PERSONNEL:

10 HELICOPTER PILOTS

3 AGENT OBSERVERS

13 TOTAL

SALARIES AT \$20,000 PER YEAR	\$66,300
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ESTIMATED FLIGHT PAY	\$16,000
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AUTHORIZED OVERTIME	\$10,868
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TRAVEL AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$500 PER PERSON	\$6,500
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ESTIMATED COST F REFUELING CELL AND TRANSFER

EQUIPMENT PLUS SHIPMENT	\$6,000
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